

**REMARKS**

Please reconsider this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

- Claims 3, 4, 6-18, 20-26, and 31-33 are pending.
- Claims 3, 4, 6-18, 20-26, and 31-33 are rejected.

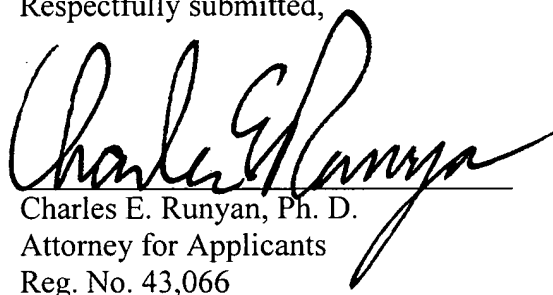
Applicant has added various instances of "having a heating means"; "entrained between a fixing roller containing a heating means and a first fixing roller"; and "facing the first fixing roller through the fixing belt" to the independent claims. Applicant did this to address the 35 USC § 112 rejection of the current claims.

Since all claims are in a condition for allowance, please issue a Notice of Allowability so stating. If I can be of any help, please contact me.

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